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Fitchburg State College

ISSUE 5

Wednesday, 3/11/98

Book Signing

3:30 > Miller Oval

St. Patrick's Day Party

9-12pm > Underground

News

Honors Student Author, Rachelle Lappinen is being honored for the publication of her book "Life in Miller Hall," on March 11, from 3:30-5pm in Miller Hall Oval Room. Ms. Lappinen wrote the book over a course of three years as part of an independent study project, and was published by the FSC Press.

Trillium, a bluegrass and traditional trio will perform at Fitchburg State College on March 13, at noon in the Campus Center Lounge. The public is welcome to attend free of charge. The group, which recently recorded the CD *The Sun She Rises* has toured nationally and opened for Tom Rush and Livingston Taylor.

Lace-up For Leukemia

Saturday, March 7 - at 5:30pm to 8:30pm in The Boston Skating Club.

The Skate-a-thon will benefit the Leukemia Society. Karen Kwan, Scott Davis, Karen Preston, and Aren Neilsen will preform.

To participate, or just see the show, call 1-800-688-6572

Commuter Appreciation Week

Monday, March 9 - car dealers on campus. Tuesday, March 10 - vendor day Wednesday, March 1 - Mayor Mazzerella and Mayor Whitney will be on campus. Thursday, March 12 - recreational fun day. Friday, March 13 - classic lunch in M&M lounge

FALCONS stopped at Semi-Finals



Financial aid responds to student questions

Many students at Fitchburg State College complain about the Financial Aid Office, stating that it takes too long to get their financial aid packages, and that the process for financial aid is too complicated. Financial Aid is responding to the student's concerns.

Students complain that Financial Aid sends award letters late -when the semester that the aid applies to is almost beginning. "Many times I had to pay my bill with my own money because I haven't received financial aid on time," one student said. Other students agree that it is very difficult to get the money to pay their bills on time.

"There are two issues we take into consideration when reviewing financial aid for students," said Jennifer Porter, Director of Financial Aid at FSC. According to Ms.

... we are trying to do our best.

Porter, students have to apply on time and they need to show good academic progress during the previous semester. Academic progress decides how much aid each student should get. Federal law requires that new students be reviewed before returning students.

Ms. Porter attributes the paper work to most of the aid that students receive coming from the Federal Government. They are the ones that require the large amount of paper work.

Although many students complain about Financial Aid, others said that they appreciate their work and that they are improving their services in many ways this year. "I am so glad to hear that because we are trying to do our best," says Ms. Porter.

-Niovel Nadira Hidalgo

Governor's commission of gay and lesbian youth to hold conference

The Massachusetts Governor's Commission for Gay and Lesbian Youth announced today that it will hold a statewide hearing and conference, and regional workshops this spring as part of its Safe Colleges Program for Gay and Lesbian Students. The Committee on Higher Education of the Governor's Commission is working in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Tufts University to organize the events.

'Safe Colleges is a statewide effort to protect the health, safety and well-being of gay and lesbian youth in public and private higher education...'

pus," says Ed LeMay, chair of the Governor's Commission Higher Education Committee. "Massachusetts is the first state in the nation to undertake this type of ground-breaking on college campuses."

The events will begin with a hearing and press conference on Friday, March 27, 1998 at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, in downtown Boston, from 1-4pm. Students who would like to testify are requested to call 617-491-5301 to register in advance.

All events are wheelchair accessible and are free, and open to the public. For more information on testifying or attending any of the events, call 617-491-5301.

-Emily Jordan

Public safety expands its personnel

Public Safety will soon be expanding more than its headquarters. A federal grant may soon enable them to expand their police force.

The department of Public Safety received a COPS grant from the federal government for \$225,000 in funding over a three year period. The purpose of this grant is to get more police officers into the FSC community. Public Safety has the option of hiring one new officer for \$75,000 or two officers for \$150,000. The funds will cover the officer's salaries for three years, at which time, the salaries would be paid by the college.

According to Chief W. Brian McCullough, new to the campus police force, "President Riccards was sincerely happy to receive the grant, and at this point, he is talking to the vice-president of treasury finances to see if in fact we can brace this concept. That is the commitment of the college.

The campus police force currently lacks a lieutenant. McCullough said, "We are probably not going to fill the lieutenant's position, but we are looking at hiring two sergeants to have more active supervision of the community."

-Melanie Creamer

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FSC to host major education conference

More than 2,000 teachers and administrators from area school systems will gather at Fitchburg State College on March 20 for a day-long series of workshops aimed at highlighting innovative teaching methods.

"Diversity on Common Ground: Best Practices III" is sponsored by the college's Professional Development Center in collaboration with educational leaders from around the state.

The majority of the workshops will be held at Fitchburg State, but sessions are also slated for Bay Path, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School, and Wachusett Regional.

The nearly 400 workshop will examine such issues as integrating technology into the classroom, curriculum design, assessment and behavior management.

"This is the heart of education reform," said Dr. Louis Amadio, consulting executive director of the Professional Development Center. "It's teachers teaching teachers in an effort to

make the Commonwealth's schools best in the nation." Eighty-nine schools from 21 districts are now members of the college's Center.

-Sarah Daniel

**'This is the heart
of education
reform...'**



Current Honors program students spoke to prospective students last Friday

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Announcements should be short, including dates, places, times and a contact person.

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Having a sun-safe spring break

If you have been thinking of visiting an indoor tanning salon to get a base tan before going somewhere sunny for spring break or to get a tan while you are on break, think again.

No tan is healthy for your skin, whether obtained at the beach or with indoor tanning lamps, says Dr. Rex Amonette, a Memphis, Tenn., dermatologist and past president of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). "A tan is a sign of injury. It is the skin's response to an overdose of ultraviolet radiation."

Some people mistakenly think that a base tan will protect them from a sunburn, adds Dr. Amonette. "However, an indoor tan

has at best the screening power of a sun screen with an SPF 4, offering almost no protection from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun."

Less obvious is the damage that tanning beds and sun lamps can cause years later.



"Suntanning, especially indoor tanning, has only negative health consequences, whether they are short-term effects like red, dry, and itchy skin, or long-term ones like premature wrinkles, sagging skin, and skin cancers," comments

Dr. Dennis Lynch, a plastic surgeon practicing in Temple, Tex., and President of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (ASPRS).

Clinical studies have shown a clear link between UVA exposure from indoor tanning and two types of skin cancer: basal and squamous cell carcinoma. Some researchers also believe that UVA radiation, because of its intensive concentration in indoor tanning beds, probably accelerates the development of melanoma, the most serious type of cancer.

"While skin cancers can be found on any part of the body, about 80 percent appear on the face, head, or neck, where they can be disfiguring as well as dangerous," says Dr. Lynch.

Skin cancer usually develops many years after exposure to ultraviolet light but can occur in younger people. "I have seen basal cell carcinomas among indoor tanners in their teens and 20s. These tumors are a much more aggressive type than usual, doing more devastating damage to the skin," Dr. Amonette warns.

To prevent skin cancer later in life and help keep their skin

SOCIAL DEVIANCE From the Files of Public Safety

Thursday 2/26/98

3:04 p.m. Conlon I.A.: FIRE ALARM- Police and Fire dispatched.
10:12 p.m. Hammond: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Assist campus center manager with dispersal.
8:30 p.m. Mara Village: HARASSMENT.

Friday 2/27/98

3:06 a.m. Russell Towers: ILLEGAL TAMPERING WITH FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.
Police and Fire dispatched.
4:02 a.m.. Russell Towers:
REQUEST FOR POLICE- Unresponsive student.
4:11 a.m. Russell Towers:
REQUEST FOR POLICE- Unresponsive student.
4:17 a.m. Russell Towers:
REQUEST FOR POLICE- Unresponsive student.
5:48 p.m. Mara Village: VANDALISM.
6:07 p.m. North St. #1 lot:

REQUEST FOR POLICE- Local youths littering.
10:11 p.m. Russell Towers:
REQUEST FOR POLICE- Alarm door activated.

Saturday 2/28/98

3:20 a.m. Russell Towers:
REQUEST FOR POLICE- Report of a loud noise/
crash.
3:48 a.m. Russell Towers: ILLEGAL TAMPERING WITH FIRE EQUIPMENT/ FIRE ALARM- Police/Fire dispatched.
10:23 a.m. Hammond: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Skateboarders disturbing.

Sunday 3/1/98

12:07 p.m. Hammond: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Alarm door activated.

Monday 3/2/98

9:15 a.m. Hammond: MEDICAL CALL- Police dispatched to administer first aid.
11:47 a.m. Mara Village: FIRE ALARM- Police and Fire Dispatched.
1:35 p.m. Mara Village: ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON.

Tuesday 3/3/98

8:32 a.m. Ross St. Lot: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Middle-aged man in lot looking into vehicles.
9:58 a.m. North St. #2 lot:
REQUEST FOR POLICE- Emergency call box activation.
9:25 p.m. Parkinson Gym: AMBULANCE CALL: Police and Ambulance dispatched.
10:45 p.m. North Street: MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION- Stopped motor vehicle operating without lights.
10:54 p.m. McKay Playground:
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY-Dispersed group acting suspicious.

Wednesday 3/4/98

10:03 a.m. Rindge Rd: REQUEST FOR POLICE- Tree fallen across road, blocking traffic.
1:07 p.m. Herlihy: THREAT TO COMMIT A CRIME- Under investigation.
9:22 p.m. Herlihy: HARASSMENT- Under investigation.

Students speak on DAKA

"More people are staying up on weekends. The food is kind of nasty today (Friday)" -Hector Figeroa



"The women keep getting chunkier, so the food must be good." -Anonymous



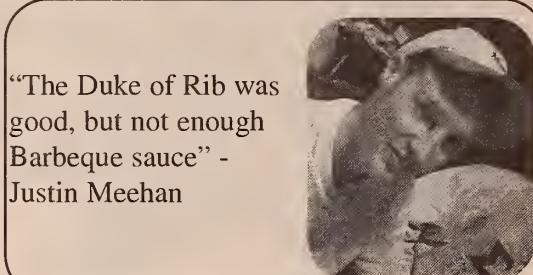
"The pizza was fresh. But there was really no selection, so I had to eat pizza. Too much fried s---." -Dan Roth



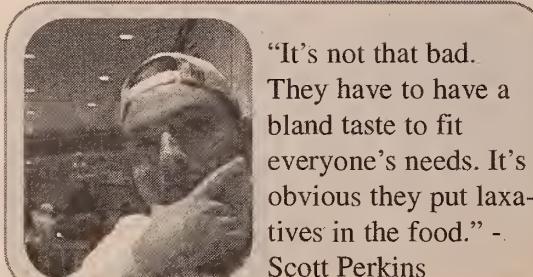
"Duke of Rib exemplifies processed food." -Tieu Ing



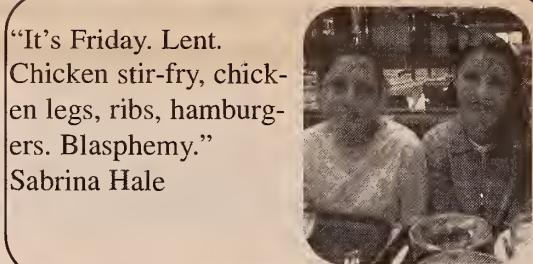
"The quality level appears to go down on the weekends. They forget that people live here on the weekend"
-Danita Potter



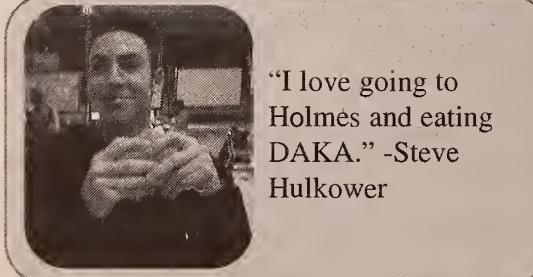
"The Duke of Rib was good, but not enough Barbeque sauce" - Justin Meehan



"It's not that bad. They have to have a bland taste to fit everyone's needs. It's obvious they put laxatives in the food." - Scott Perkins



"It's Friday. Lent. Chicken stir-fry, chicken legs, ribs, hamburgers. Blasphemy." - Sabrina Hale



"I love going to Holmes and eating DAKA." -Steve Hulkower

So stop your d--- complaining and go to the meetings!!!

Everyone likes to complain about DAKA (those are long A's). We go there all the time and subject ourselves to what we believe is substandard food. All of you, shut-up. They have meetings every other Tuesday. The next one is March 23rd. So stop your damn complaining and go to the meeting. Voice your complaints there. Everyone is invited. Here is your big chance. There is a lot of starving people who would love to eat your food.

-Zac Adams

Mixed feelings on public safety move

Many students feel that Public Safety moving to Russell Towers is a bad move. Although this move would certainly suit the needs of students living in Russell, Aubuchon, and Herlihy, the accessibility of Campus Police will be gone for those living in Mara Village and Town Houses.

Dan Post, a resident of Russell Towers, said, "It's not a good move. Public Safety, where it is now, is more centralized and accessible to the students. Moving to Russell Towers would take away from the students living in Town Houses and Mara Village."

Scott Gardner, also a resident of Russell Towers, "It would be a nuisance. I wouldn't want them snooping around. They are going to hassle us."

Albert Vanderhoof remarked, "If they move to Russell, I won't live here next year."

Jason St. Amand jokingly says, "Why not. Campus Police will get here faster for fire alarms."

Melissa Robinson, an R.A. at Russell Towers, said, "I think that Cam Even a bashful Janitor, had this to say, "I think it's a great idea! I give it two thumbs up!"

Chief McCullough himself defended the move, "One of the reasons for the move is to be more user friendly for the students. This way we will be located Below Russell and between Herlihy and Aubuchon, and when there is a call, in most cases we will be right here for them."

-Melanie Creamer

Got anything to say?

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Playground or parking lot?



Opinion Vannessa Manni

As I walked the usual ten miles to my car on North Street last week, the sight of children playing in the parking lot reminded me that spring is on its way. These children give a whole new meaning to the phrase, "Go play in traffic!"

They were playing a pretty intense game of football, when unfortunately I had to leave and thereby, disturb their game. The annoyed children looked at me as if I had some nerve. As I slowly pulled out, one

These children give a whole new meaning to the phrase, 'Go play in traffic!'

say we stop this accident waiting to happen!

of the kids ran heedlessly into the street to catch an overthrown ball. I slammed on my breaks, he caught the ball and laughed in my direction. Troubling situations like this one have occurred frequently for the past three springs, but now that we have paid for a new secured playground on North Street, it is even more troubling. What good is it if the children are still playing in the parking lots?

Students have more things to worry about than whether or not they will run over a little kid. Something needs to be done about this. I can actually recall having to ask these kids to move so that I could move my car. Is this really necessary? Please tell me that I am not the only one who encounters these problems!

Perhaps while the campus police are out donning tickets to us poor college students, they could reprimand the kids and tell them to move their game to the playground.

Even if this happens to be an isolated incident, which it is not, it is not OK. If children continue to play in our parking lots, someone is bound to get hurt. (Not to mention that they might break a window or scratch our cars with their hockey sticks!) I

President Riccards missed at the heritage ball!

Opinion Maxime Polynice

Last Friday, February 27th, the annual ACCESS event, The Heritage Ball, took place in synchronization with Black History Month. Although the event was a complete success (except for the vulgarity of some people) a crucial element was missing.

When is it then that African-Americans will receive a fair recognition from the population of this country?

President Michael Riccards was not among the crowd. I presume some impediment prevented him from attending. The ACCESS program is extremely dedicated to the academic well being of its students including white students. Those who are envious of the program tend to invent defects and imaginary faults.

When I first came here in 1994, rusty with my mathematical, and even English skills, it was the tutoring and the supervised study program that allowed me to grow intellectually. The program created perseverance in me and a desire to learn. Many other students can corroborate what I am saying without any hesitation. Why is it then that the President of the college did not honor us with his presence?

There are four things that Riccards' presence would have achieved for the students. First the awardees would have received an

Answer to the General Math Corner problem in issue 1:

(How many eggs does the chicken lay? 4.

Congratulations to Carla McGrath for getting the right answer.

Answer to the Advanced Math Corner problem in issue 3:

The area of the shaded region is the sum of the areas of the two triangles like ACE and the four "half-moon" shapes like ABCA. Now triangle ACE is an equilateral triangle of side 1, since AE, CE and AC are all radii of circles of radius 1. The height of this triangle is $(1/2)$ square root of 3, from the Pythagorean theorem.

The area of the half-moon ABCA is the area of the sector ABCEA of the circle, minus the area of the triangle ACE. Since ACE is an equilateral triangle, the sector has a central angle of 60 degrees, which is $1/6$ of a full circle, so its area is $1/6$ of the area of the circle.

area of sector ABCEA = $1/6 \pi - \text{square root of } 3/4$

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LA Confidential
LA Confidential **1/2
 Warner Bros./Regency

plot: A good cop/bad cop film that takes place in the early 1950's.

I was never a big fan of cop movies, but this one was put together very well. It is kind of funny - the big names, you know, the ones that sit below the title in the advertising posters - those people don't hold the starring roles in this film. I don't know about you, but I would feel a little put-out, if I was Russell Crowe or Guy Pearce (Bud White and Ed Exley, respectively). The storyline of the movie is a good one, really intricate. The audience gets to know the characters intimately - their distinctive personality types, and all that jazz. Acting is brilliant all around, for a cop movie.

Danny DeVito (Sid Hudgeons) and Kim Basinger (Lynn Bracken) hold minor roles in the film, but do great things with them. Most of the rest of the names you might not recognize, but their talent is obvious. James Cromwell, stars as Dudley Smith, police chief, and Kevin Spacey is Jack Vincennes.

General (male) opinion around here gives the film much applause, and it came highly recommended, but personally I wasn't terribly excited about it. I can appreciate the effort put into re-creating LA in the 1950's, and the depth of the characters, but really it's not my kind of movie.

Twilight *
 Paramount Pictures

plot: I'm really not sure, to be perfectly honest. An ex-detective lives in his friend's house and keeps an eye on the family. Or



NEWMAN
 SARANDON
 HACKMAN
TWILIGHT

The starring cast of *Twilight*
something like that.

This was one of those movies that does not let the names slide across the bottom of the screen for the first ten minutes of the movie... therefore I had no idea that the moron on the screen was a man I should have recognized. It is rare that you find someone as ignorant of these things as I am, think of it that way. I had a completely unbiased view of this sad excuse of an actor, trying to sneak past his complete lack of talent and skill in acting by using his name to draw an audience. When the name 'Paul Newman' appeared next to the character *Harry Ross*, I was completely floored. I mean, I have heard so much about Paul Newman - I couldn't believe that this jerk was The Legend. It was almost as if Susan Sarandon (Catherine Ames) and Gene Hackman (Jack Ames) were playing down their acting talent on purpose, to compensate for the sad job done by their famous co-star.

Acting here was absolutely horrible all around. The storyline was weak. Film quality was very low - it could have been a made-for-tv movie. Microphones dropped into the scenes twelve times - I counted. It really takes away from the plot line if you are reminded, 'It's only a movie,' continuously throughout the film itself. What kind of an escape from reality is that? Director Robert Benton failed big time here - the dialogue is bad, and poorly executed as well. The audience is expected to believe that Harry Ross is an ex-cop, despite his non-subtle, non-professional, shoddy behavior in a crime atmos-

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Cinema World

Titanic (PG-13)

The Borrowers (PG)

Wedding Singer
 (PG13)

Good Will Hunting (R)

Sphere (R)

As Good As It Gets
 (PG13)

Krippendorf's Tribe
 (PG-13)

Palmetto (R)

Senseless (R)

Dark City (R)

Kissing A Fool (R)

LA Confidential (R)

Man behind Iron Mask

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◀ 7Continued Riccards

extra feeling of achievement. Secondly his presence would have enhanced the value of the event. Thirdly those who have never seen the president act socially would have had the chance to observe him and to get to know their leader more. Fourthly, the minority students would have retained a better perspective towards the attainment of their goals.

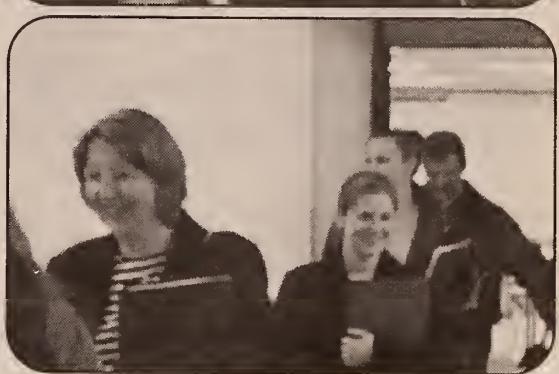
When is it then that African-Americans will receive a fair recognition from the population of this country? When within our very institution of learning we aren't fully vindicated intellectually.

Such lack of tact explains why some people are still living trapped in a past that no

longer exists. Well if our dear president was there, the value of our achievement would have been better recognized. Not showing up says: the achievement of the people enrolled in the college that I manage is somewhat the least of my worries.

Finally I wish to leave the reader with this passage that I memorized from an old book (forgive me for omitting the author's name): "... the potentialities for intelligence tend to atrophy in such a way that the lives of many individuals show nothing more than an increasing stereotype, a rigidity of customs and habits surely as mechanical as the most fixed patterns of instinct..."

-Maxime Polynice



Aerial landscapes at the greater Worcester Community Foundation

Susan Wadsworth, assistant professor in the Humanities Department, has eleven of her pastels on view through June at the Greater Worcester Community Foundations. These aerial landscapes are inspired by flights with her husband, David Bourdelais, a certified instrument flight instructor.

This is the first time that Vermont Cloud Triptych has been hung as a triptych. The use of the multi-part pieces dates to medieval times and traditionally portrayed religious figures. In Wadsworth's work, this form unifies various aerial perspectives to create the spiritual and physical sensation of flying over the landscape.

This is also the first viewing of all three works from the White Mountains, Fall Shadows series. The shifting, purple shadows are closely knit with the glowing oranges and yellows of autumn. The tension between abstract shapes, colors and the representational mountains, in addition to the aerial perspective, lend a spiritual air to the pieces.

The simplified forms of Wadsworth's work spring from many sources: the Early American Modernists Georgia O'Keeffe, Arthur Dove and Marsden Hartley; the con-

trolled contours of Ellsworth Kelly; the brilliantly meditative colors of Milton Avery and Mark Rothko; the gestural energy of Jackson Pollock; and even Chinese painting of the Sung dynasty.

Other works on view include one of three pastels of a late afternoon flight over Quabbin Reservoir in October; two of six aerial pastels of New Hampshire's Lake Winnipesaukee; two of five works from Gwynn's Island, MD. These works derive either from the memory of a strong experience or from the aid of a video camera used in flight. The colors are carefully placed, often in twenty or more layers, rubbed by hand and then outlined in pencil, to create a linear pattern and accent. It is the combination of these colors and lines which creates the ethereal feeling of floating above familiar landscapes.

The Greater Worcester Community Foundation is a non-profit organization located at Suite 530, 44 Front Street in Worcester. It is open 9-5, Monday through Friday, but please call ahead, (508)755-0980, to be sure the conference room is available for viewing.

-Susan Wadsworth

◀ 8Continued Falcons?

Prospective FSC students take a tour of campus.

◀ 5Continued Break

young-looking," advises Dr. Lynch, "it makes sense for young people to avoid indoor tanning and protect their skin from the sun."

Although the avoidance of the sun is ideal, Dr. Lynch admits it "is somewhat unrealistic to expect young people on spring break to stay out of the sun altogether. I cannot, however, stress enough how critical it is that they wear sun screen to avoid burning, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest."

-Associated press excerpt

◀ 8Continued Movies

phere, and his inability to properly handle a gun.

I couldn't figure out why Susan Sarandon and Gene Hackman chose to act in a movie like this... until I saw the name Paul Newman, that is. If it weren't for this review, I'd have walked out in the middle of the film (and I'm not one to abandon a movie halfway through). Guaranteed, this movie won't be in theaters long, and good riddance.

-Sarah Adams

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1997-98 Year of the Leader Essay Contest

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Contest Guidelines

The general theme of the contest is "becoming a leader." Frederick Douglass and Rigoberta Menchu, the FfY texts, may be a source, or a leader in any field that interests you.

Submissions will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- fresh insight into the temem of leadership and the life of a leader
- stylistic and structural soundness
- intellectual content

All papers will be no more than 5 double spaced pages in a standard size font.

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Hockey Continued¹²

to collect it and showed great patience as he waited for UMass goalie Ryan Sloper to go down before shooting the puck into the net for his second goal of the game.

There was a collision with MacKenzie and a few UMass players at the 11:00 minute mark, but MacKenzie was all right after being down for a couple of minutes. Only a minute and a half later Bartkus let off a shot as the defenseman screened MacKenzie for UMass to take a one goal lead.

Pat Shultz got his second goal of the night as the puck broke off MacKenzie's pad and dropped into the net just over the goal line for UMass to take a two goal lead late in the second period at 15:54.

With 44 seconds left in the second period, Fitchburg freshman Gary Stone gave the Falcons some much needed scoring as he skated down the right wing boards and let a shot rip, beating Sloper five-hole to bring the game within one.

With a man in the box for dislodging the net, Fitchburg found themselves on a power play with 10 seconds remaining in the second period. The Falcons got a shot off as they won the face-off back to Moore, but Sloper managed to make a nice kick save while the Falcons still had life at the end of two, out-shooting UMass 40-37.

The third period truly belonged to MacKenzie as he stood on his head to keep Fitchburg in the game. They say goalies need a little luck and a little skill. Fortunately, he had both.

One minute into the third period, MacKenzie tried to play the puck behind his own net, but as Shultz forechecked unprotested, MacKenzie tried to flip the puck



Captain Damon Moore carries the puck out of Falcon zone

Photo by Haylie Cavanaugh

out of the zone hitting Shultz in the chest, causing the puck to squirt through the crease practically riding along the goal line.

At 1:42 Robert Higgins let a shot rip from the point as Sloper made the save, but Jason Cook was there to put home the rebound to tie the game at four on the power play.

With 7:03 gone in the period, MacKenzie had a little help from Rob Lavery as he batted the puck out of mid air from the crease, while MacKenzie stopped a couple more scrambling shots from UMass.

UMass had a couple more chances at 13:29 as they missed a wide open net on another mad scramble in front of MacKenzie.

Regulation ended with a 51-55 shot advantage for UMass.

Just 30 seconds into the overtime MacKenzie trapped the puck with his glove to his chest, got high sticked and went down as if he were shot. The acting job was good enough as the Falcons got the power play, although they did nothing with it.

Overtime was much more cautious than regulation, with each team getting a few scoring opportunities.

As fate would have it, it ended suddenly on a face-off at 16:01 in Fitchburg's own end. Shultz won the face-off to Egan, who was lined up to his left, and let off a shot past MacKenzie to end the game.

UMass ended up out-shooting the Falcons 65-64 in the game.

-Aaron Barrett

Ping-Pong Continued¹²

nent, making each game of the match go into overtime before losing in the final game.

One of the most surprising stories for FSC was Robbie Marshall's performance. He played some fantastic matches, and showed those MIT boys exactly who was in charge.

This is the first time in a few years that FSC has had representatives for the chess tournament. The chess club meets on Wednesdays. Those interested should see Kevin Carr in the Campus Center.

Students can observe the great talents of these great athletes in FSC's newly renovated Ground Zero game room. On campus tournaments are held on a regular basis.

-Kevin Carr

Athlete of the week

Freshman Keith MacKenzie was spectacular in the Falcon's playoff run coming up with 14 saves in a victory against Plymouth State on March 4th and 47 saves against UMass Dartmouth in the overtime loss. He finished with a 2.83 goals against average, a school record, and a .908 save percentage while compiling a 17-5-1 record. He fell one-hundredth of a point short of the school save percentage record of .909 set by Ron Bereszniewicz in 1988.

Sports bits

Baseball and Softball

The Falcons will be heading to Florida during spring break for a little spring training. The baseball team will head out on Thursday, while the softball team will head out on Saturday. The season will start after spring break.

Track

Jude Joujoute came in second in the long jump with 21.71/2 in the ECAC championship. Jude earned All-ECAC honors.

Katie Brace finished 8th in the 400 with a time of 59.64. She also ran the 200. She is a Provisional Qualifier, ranked 23rd in the country in the 400.

In the 4x200 meter relay, run by Katie Brace, Stacy Barrett, Jeannie Lemeux, and Jackie Sauvoury, finished 11th with a time of 153.5.

Hockey

The Falcons compiled a 21-5-1 record as their season was cut short on Saturday. They averaged 7 goals a game and had a power play with a 39.6% proficiency, both leading the country.

Senior Damon Moore finished his season with 21 goals, 63 assists and 84 points with a plus/minus rating of plus 55. His 63 assists and 84 points broke the school record for most in a season, while his +55 rating shattered the previous record of +35.

Sophomore Jeff DuRoss finished the year with 47-29-76 totals, second in the country in scoring and also a +48 rating. He also leads the country in goals and power play goals with 17.

Senior Rob Lavery finished with 29-25-54 totals, 6th in the country in goals. He was also 2nd in the country in power play goals with 16.

Senior John Quinlan has a career with highs in all categories as he finished with 20-28-48 totals and a +/- rating of +46, third on the team.

Senior defenseman Eric Short finished with 1-14-15 totals and a +34 which lead defensemen.

Falcons fight to the end

The Falcons had their season come to an abrupt end on Saturday as they lost to UMass Dartmouth in overtime by a score of 5-4.

It was a high paced game as both teams combined for 129 shots on goal, with most of them coming in regulation.

Goalie Keith MacKenzie was the story as he kept his team from being out of it early as the Falcons were out-shot 14-6 in the first ten minutes. He made a couple sprawling saves at 7:49, as he dove across the crease and stopped play by catching the puck in his glove. It was Fitchburg who scored first on the power play as Jeff DuRoss banged in a Damon Moore pass to take a 1-0 lead at the 14:44 mark of the first period.

At 17:40 UMass forward Steve Bartkus crashed into the net, dislodging it before the puck entered, but that did not matter because Bartkus was called for roughing. The Falcons could not capitalize on the power play, but did pick up their play as the shots at



the end of the period were 20-19 in favor of Fitchburg.

It took only 2:48 into the second period for UMass to tie the game on a goal by Jim Egan as the Falcons couldn't clear the puck out of the zone. They then took a one goal lead at 6:42 as Pat Schultz was left all alone in front of MacKenzie. It was a harmless three on three rush, but the back-checking forward let Schultz go untouched to the net, resulting in the second goal.

Less than two minutes later, Chris Caron got a shot off from the point that stopped dead as it hit a skate, but DuRoss was able

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Ping-Pong, Chess and Bowling athletes shine

On Saturday, February 21, 1998, students from FSC competed in the ACUI Regional Tournament at UNH. ACUI stands for Association of College Unions International, and they sponsor a regional tournament for the New England Region. The winners of this tournament, where the finest players in Billiards, Ping-Pong, Chess and Bowling will have a chance to compete.

FSC sent a seven person team to the ACUI tournament this year, featuring Jake Shattuck, Jung Rhee and Justin Meehan for Billiards Matt Gauvin and Alicia Turavani for Ping Pong and Justin Allen and Robbie

Marshall for Chess. The tournament was intense for these athletes as they got to see some of the finest players in the region. Overall, FSC fared very well. Both Justin Meehan and Jung Rhee finished in the top 16 Billiards, while Jake Shattuck had some of the toughest competition come this way. Alicia Turavani played very well in the women's Pin-Pong, making all the games very close against some of the finest competition in the nation. Matt Gauvin was especially brilliant, taking the top seed in Men's Ping pong to a 16-14 loss. Matt was also locked in a head to head battle with an oppo-

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